

Winter storm alert! Weather models predict snow will begin Saturday evening and continue through Sunday afternoon. Below are some key updates on what that means for our community.

A citywide parking ban begins on Saturday, January 6 at 5 PM until further notice. This time allows our DPW crews to begin pre-treating our roads before the storm. This season we implemented a new salt brine system that is better for the environment and more cost-effective.

We have dedicated parking lots throughout the city listed below where you can leave your vehicle during the parking ban.

Please remember to clear your sidewalks. Following the storm, property owners must clear the sidewalks in front of their homes or businesses. Our walkers appreciate you!

Please be kind and shovel any snow around a fire hydrant close to your home or business, this is helpful during a medical emergency.

Please check in on your neighbors and seniors you may know to be sure our community is safe and supported.

We may experience some power outages. If you experience a power outage, please call RI Energy at 855-743-1102 or report the outage here (<https://www.rienergy.com/RI-Home/outage-central/>).

RIEMA continues to monitor the winter weather event for this weekend and another heavy wind/rain event for midweek

Key Points:

- Significant Winter Storm remains on track for tonight & Sunday.
- Heavy Snow with 6-10" expected northwest of I-95.
- Snow Accumulations remain uncertain near and southeast of I-95.
- Flash Freeze expected in the Boston to Providence corridor Sunday afternoon.
- There will be two rounds of snow/precipitation with this storm. Saturday night to Early Sunday AM.
- Second round from mid-morning Sunday to late afternoon, snow and snow showers.

Forecast:

- Tonight: Snow and rain mixed. (depending on location). Low around 31.
 - Wind East around 10 to 17 mph. Heavy snow ends around 5 am.
- Sunday: Snow and snow showers after 10 am. High near 34 degrees AM. Dropping in PM.
 - Winds switching from East Southeast to North from 15 to 20 mph.
- Sunday night: Cloudy. Lows around 20 degrees. North wind 7 to 15 mph.